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For: SUCTION MUFFLER CONNECTOR AND COMPRESSOR THEREWITH

REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Election Requirement mailed on May 25, 2007 Applicant hereby elects Species III, Figure 5, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 11-16 and 20 all read on the elected species. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 11-14 and 20 are generic to all the species, and that claims 2 and 15 are generic to the species shown in Figures 4 and 5.

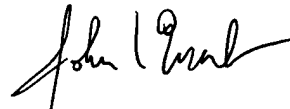
It is respectfully submitted that a search for all of the features of the elected species shown in Figure 5 will necessarily encompass a search for the species shown in Figures 3 and 4. For at least this reason, withdrawal of the election requirement with respect to the species shown in Figures 3 and 4 is respectfully requested.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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